

January 10, 2003  
**Agenda Item #9**

To: Delta Protection Commission

From: Margit Aramburu, Executive Director

Subject: DRAFT Annual Report for 2002  
*(For Commission Action)*

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Attached is a draft annual report describing Commission activities during 2002. Also attached is a draft cover letter to accompany the annual report. The annual report, required by the Delta Protection Act of 1992, will be submitted to Governor Davis and to the members of the Legislature.

DRAFT COVER LETTER

January \_\_, 2003

Governor Gray Davis/Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Subject: 2002 Annual Report of the Delta Protection Commission

Dear :

The Delta Protection Commission is pleased to submit its annual report for 2002. The Commission, created by the Delta Protection Act of 1992, is charged with protection and enhancement of the critical land uses in the Primary Zone of the Legal Delta. These critical land uses include agriculture, wildlife habitat, and recreation.

The Primary Zone includes portions of five counties: Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo. The Commission adopted a regional land use plan for the Primary Zone in February 1995. The Delta Protection Act and Plan are available from the Commission and on the Commission's web site: [www.delta.ca.gov](http://www.delta.ca.gov).

In 2002, the Commission continued to work with the CALFED program to ensure the implementation of the CALFED program would complement the Commission's vision and Plan for the Delta. The Commission is involved with preliminary stages of a study of agriculture in the Delta being prepared by the American Farmland Trust, and preparation of a Delta Recreation Master Plan.

In addition, the Commission helped prepare an application for recognition of a new Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) area in the Delta. If recognized, the Delta RC&D, a non-profit entity, would assist in implementation of the Commission's vision for a healthy agricultural economy in the Delta.

Within very limited fiscal resources, the Commission has continued its mission to monitor, review, and comment on proposed projects in the Delta, as well as participate in regional planning programs and the CALFED program. The Commission looks forward to working with you, the Legislature and other agencies to carry out the Legislature's vision for the Delta Primary Zone.

Sincerely,

Patrick N. McCarty  
Chairman

**DRAFT**  
**REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE**  
**ON ACTIVITIES OF THE DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION IN 2002**

Section 29780 of the Delta Protection Act of 1992 (Act) requires the Delta Protection Commission (Commission) to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature describing the progress in achieving the objectives of the Act. The annual report is to include: an evaluation of the effectiveness of the regional plan in preserving agricultural lands, restoring Delta habitat, improving levee protection and water quality, providing increased public access and recreational opportunities, and undertaking other functions prescribed in the Act; and update of the regional plan using baseline conditions set forth in the regional plan; and the status of the environmental thresholds established by the Commission in the original regional plan.

The annual report summarizes actions of the Commission in 2002. Minutes of the Commission meetings, and staff reports are available on the Commission's web site: [www.delta.ca.gov](http://www.delta.ca.gov).

### **Status of the Delta Protection Commission:**

The Commission was created by State Legislation in 1992 with the goal of developing regional policies for the Delta to protect and enhance the existing land uses in the Primary Zone: agriculture, wildlife habitat and recreation. Working closely with local communities and local governments, interested groups and individuals, the Commission adopted its regional plan in 1995. Local government completed incorporation of the policies in their General Plans in 1998.

In 2000, the Commission was made a permanent State agency. The Commission met six times in 2002 in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

The Commission has completed ten years of program implementation. The Commission has become a focal point for discussion of regional issues in the Delta, and recognized as the only organization/agency whose sole mission is the overall welfare and health of the Delta. The Commission seeks to determine and support balance in the Delta land uses, and to ensure that changes in land use benefit the overall well-being of the Delta, and do not occur to the detriment of one land use over another. After ten years of effort, the Commission acknowledges the challenges of bringing together the various parties who live, work, recreate and implement programs in the Delta. However, the Commission takes responsibility for attempting to do so and for ensuring that a public forum for debate of policies and planning is available.

### **Status of " Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta":**

There have been no changes to the Plan. With the assistance of the Department of Water Resources, the Plan was reprinted and is available in hard copy from the Commission's office and on the Commission's web site ([www.delta.ca.gov](http://www.delta.ca.gov)).

### **Effectiveness of the Plan:**

#### **1. Preserving Agricultural Land in the Primary Zone**

Staff prepares and regularly updates a memo describing land use changes in the Delta Primary Zone that will result in loss of agricultural land. In 2002, no local government permits would result in loss of agricultural land, except for one cell tower in Sacramento County (see attached list of approved projects). All other projects either would have no long term impact on agriculture, or were conditioned to ensure that agriculture could be restored to the site after the project is completed (i.e. excavation site to be restored to agriculture and installation of pipeline to allow agriculture to continue after installation).

The Commission tracks acquisition of lands in fee title and the acquisition of easements in a separate report that is updated annually. Acquisitions of fee title, such as the acquisition of lands on Orwood Tract in Contra Costa County by East Bay Regional Bay District, will not have an immediate impact on land use, but will likely result in loss of agriculture in the future after a public planning and environmental review process is completed. Acquisition of easements, such as the Wetland Reserve Program easements acquired by Natural Resource Conservation Service, will result in conversion of agricultural land to managed wetlands in conformance with the national goal of wetland restoration of marginal farmlands. This program is voluntary by the landowner and is intended to promote the overall well being of agriculture by allowing marginal farmlands to be restored to wetlands and providing income to farmers from sale of the easements.

## **2. Restoring Delta Habitat**

Part of the process of carrying out Delta projects is the need to mitigate for environmental impacts. For the Delta levees program, mitigation for past levee work that removed habitat required acquisition and restoration of habitat to meet legal requirements. In September, the Commission discussed a proposal to acquire 149 acres of grazing land on Bradford Island to serve as a mitigation site for past levee maintenance work and to serve as mitigation for the loss of a dredge disposal site on Decker Island (Solano County) when that site was restored to tidal habitat by Department of Water Resources.

The Commission has continued to participate with a multi-agency and interested party group to support protection and enhancement of Delta In-Channel Islands. Funding was applied for and received from CALFED first for planning and designing the pilot projects, then for constructing three pilot projects (fourth pilot project was funded and constructed by Department of Water Resources as a "net habitat improvement" under the Delta Levees Program). The last pilot project was constructed in the "work window", Fall 2002.

The Commission has continued to work through CALFED's Ecosystem Restoration Program and the Working Landscapes Program to help achieve a balanced plan for ecosystem restoration in the Delta. The Commission has been very supportive of efforts to protect and enhance "wildlife friendly agriculture", which incorporates both agriculture and wildlife habitat.

The Delta Wetlands Project received State Water Resources Control Board and Corps of Engineers approvals to construct a 20,000-acre water storage and habitat restoration project covering most of four Delta islands in Contra Costa and San Joaquin Counties. This project

is being evaluated by Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation to determine if it could be purchased and/or operated by State and/or federal agencies to provide "in-Delta storage", a goal of the CALFED Record of Decision. No determination has yet been made. Implementation of the project by the private owners, or by public agencies would result in conversion of thousands of acres of agricultural land to water storage and habitat.

### **3. Protecting Recreational Opportunities**

In June, the East Bay Regional Park District used Proposition 204 funds granted by the Department of Parks and Recreation to acquire a 276-acre parcel on Orwood Tract (Contra Costa County) in the Delta Primary Zone. The site is east of lands being developed for residential uses and an existing marina with campground. While the site will eventually be developed for recreation, there is no planning process underway. The Park District will keep the site in agricultural use until a plan is developed.

The Commission staff is seeking funds to prepare Delta Recreation Master Plan. A Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee is in place, and a project description has been prepared to facilitate hiring a consultant to assist in preparation of the Plan once funds are obtained.

The Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee has been actively reviewing proposed CALFED projects and providing input about type, location and amount of public access and recreation to be included in those projects.

Staff continues to work with other recreation proposals, such as Solano County's ongoing update of its General Plan Recreation element, and a proposal by a nonprofit group to develop public access, education and recreation on Hog Island in the Stockton Deepwater Ship Channel in San Joaquin County.

### **4. Improving Levee Protection and Water Quality**

The Commission continued its participation on the Delta Levees and Habitat Advisory Committee and new CALFED Bay Delta Public Advisory Committee Delta Levee Committee. These groups provide forum for identification, discussion, and development of recommendations for issues associated with maintaining and upgrading the Delta levees.

The Commission continued to monitor the Grasslands Bypass Project, which redirects drain waters containing selenium, boron and other salts into the San Luis Drain, and eventually into the San Joaquin River, upstream of the Delta. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) issued a Plan Formulation Report for the San Luis Drainage Feature Reevaluation and EIS. According to the Report, USBR's preferred alternative is In-Valley Disposal (as opposed to Delta or Ocean disposal). This preferred alternative would include a drainwater collection system, regional drainwater re-use facilities, selenium treatment, and evaporation ponds for salt disposal. All activities would be located in the San Joaquin Valley. USBR

will be holding public workshops in January 2003. Staff will continue to participate in and monitor this project.

### **Legal Issues:**

The Commission was not involved in any lawsuits in 2002.

### **Legislation:**

In addition to monitoring pending State legislation, the Commission conceived an idea for new legislation. To address the continuing funding shortfalls to carry out planning programs and implementation programs in the Delta, consistent with the Delta Protection Act, the Commission directed staff to explore support for legislation to authorize sale of a Delta License Plate. Staff coordinated with other regional groups, and received a great deal of interest and support from the recreational community in the Delta. A proposal for legislation was submitted for consideration by the Administration, but the proposal was not approved.

### **Actions Supporting the Goals of the Act:**

Following are key activities and actions of the Commission during 2002 in support of its mission and vision:

#### **1. Preparation of Application for Delta Resource Conservation and Development Council**

In the Delta there is no regional non-profit entity with goals similar to those of the Delta Protection Commission. In 2001, the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District asked the Commission to assist in preparation of an application to designate the Delta a Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area and help create an nonprofit RC&D Council. The Commission agreed and directed staff to set up meetings in the five Delta Counties to discuss the interest in a RC&D program. In January, the Commission agreed to appoint the Commission's Agriculture Committee as the entity to oversee preparation of the required application to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. The Committee worked with staff to prepare the application, held a series of public meetings, revised the application to address issues raised at the public meetings, presented the application to the Commission for its review and approval, and submitted the application to the Secretary for Agriculture in October. The proposed RC&D would have a mission that overlaps that of the Delta Protection Commission, particularly with regard to protection and enhancement of agriculture. A response is expected early in 2003.

#### **2. Planning for Agriculture in the Delta**

In September, John McCaull, State Director of the American Farmland Trust announced that AFT would fund a study of Delta agriculture and asked the Commission and its Agriculture Committee to serve a forum for local input into the planning process. The study will identify the nature, type and location of natural resources needed for agriculture, and

the nature, type, and location of agricultural activity in the Legal Delta. The study will analyze the economic stability of Delta agriculture and analyze trends.

The Department of Food and Agriculture prepared an application to delineate the Legal Delta a State Conservation Priority Area for the federal Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. In November, the Commission voted to support this application because the delineation would open Delta agricultural lands to funding opportunities for enhancing habitat and water quality as part of agriculture on private lands. These opportunities would support the "working landscapes" visions of the CALFED program.

### **3. Delta In-Channel Islands**

Staff continues to participate on the Delta In-Channel Islands group, a group operating under the San Francisco Estuary Program. The group has received funds to design and install prototype structures to protect in-channel islands from erosion and to promote sedimentation of the islands (the applicant is the Association of Bay Area Governments). The purpose of the project is to determine which techniques could be used Deltawide to protect the existing wetland habitat found on these remnant islands. Portions of the construction were completed in the "work window" in 2001, and the remainder of the construction work was completed in the "work window" of 2002 (October and November). The project includes a three-year monitoring component. The project will be presented at the CALFED Science Conference in early 2003.

### **4. Conservation Easements to Protect Habitat**

The CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan includes goals for protection and enhancement of wildlife friendly agriculture in the Delta. In November, the Commission voted to support a revision to a CALFED grant to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to allow TNC to pursue purchase of easements on private agricultural land to protect agricultural values critical to Sandhill crane roosting and feeding areas, and to other protected species. The easements would preclude subdivision or development of parcels, and restrict the crops to those known to support seasonal Sandhill crane habitat.

In November, the Commission received a briefing from Alan Forkey, Program Manager of the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The WRP easements were reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill with substantial funding. Several thousand acres in the Delta were submitted for acceptance into the WRP in 2002. The WRP seeks to retire less productive lands from agriculture and restore them to wetland habitat. The WRP is a "Category B" program under the CALFED Record of Decision; a program that should be coordinated with other CALFED agencies, but is not subject to CALFED oversight. The 2002 Farm Bill increased both the annual acreage goals for the program and the funds for acquisition of easements. Several hundred acres in the Delta Primary Zone are slated for acceptance into the WRP program in the current federal budget year. The Commission expressed a strong interest in the program in the Delta and supported coordination of the program with other federal, state, and local programs aimed at habitat restoration and environmental enhancement.

## **5. Preparation of a Delta Recreation Master Plan**

A Delta Recreation Master Plan was last prepared for the Delta in the 1970's by the Resources Agency. The issue of recreation was considered by CALFED in its programmatic planning, but CALFED determined it would be more appropriate to assist in preparation of a Delta Recreation Master Plan, and to address specific recreation projects as specific projects are planned and constructed. Budgetary shortfalls have resulted in no funding being dedicated for preparation of a Delta Recreation Master Plan during 2002.

Previously, the Commission committed funds to develop a project description and request for proposals, hoping that planning funds would become available. In January, the Commission voted to spend remaining funds from that project to develop an interim strategy for use by the Commission and others as specific CALFED projects are planned in the early stages of the CALFED program. For example, CALFED agencies are working on In-Delta storage, North Delta Project, South Delta Project, Tracy Fish Test Facilities, and other specific projects described in the CALFED Record of Decision. The Commission staff is working on the interim strategy with the Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee.

## **6. Participation in Delta Dredge Reuse Strategy and Technical Advisory Panel**

In 1998, the Secretary of Resources approved funding for preparation of a Delta Dredge Reuse Strategy by three State agencies: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Department of Fish and Game, and Delta Protection Commission. Preparation of the Strategy was overseen by a Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) consisting of approximately 20 persons, including a representative of the Delta Protection Commission. The report, which summarizes all dredging data for the last decade and addresses regulatory challenges associated with dredging in the Delta, was completed in June. The report is available from the Commission in hard copy and on the Commission's web site.

The TAP made several recommendations including the following high priority actions:

- Programmatic documents and regional permits are necessary to facilitate dredging in the Delta;
- Development of a simple dredging process should continue to include representatives of the regulated community, Delta landowners, and technical experts along with the regulatory agencies;
- One agency should maintain the DREDGE database;
- A regional program to sample Delta soils and sediments for background characterization should be conducted; and
- A clearinghouse of information and a library of documents about dredging programs and dredged material should be established.

## **7. Monitoring the San Luis Drain and the Grasslands Bypass Project**



Staff continued to monitor the Grasslands Bypass Project, which redirects drain waters containing selenium, boron and other salts into the San Luis Drain, and eventually into the San Joaquin River, upstream of the Delta. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) issued a Plan Formulation Report for the San Luis Drainage Feature Reevaluation and EIS.

According to the Report, USBR's preferred alternative is In-Valley Disposal (as opposed to Delta or Ocean disposal). This preferred alternative would include a drainwater collection system, regional drainwater re-use facilities, selenium treatment, and evaporation ponds for salt disposal. All activities would be located in the San Joaquin Valley. USBR will be holding public workshops in January 2003. Staff will continue to participate in and monitor this project and its potential impacts on Delta water quality.

## **8. Geographic Information System**

The Commission continues to maintain mapped data with the assistance of the Department of Conservation (DOC). Staff participates in meetings of other State agencies that developed mapped data, and assisted Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff in preparation of a new data layer of the boundary of the Legal Delta and the Delta Primary Zone.

Commission staff has work with DOC and DWR to formulate a revised version of the Legal Delta and Primary Zone coverages. DOC has prepared several maps for the DPC using the DPCA data including updated Important Farmlands Maps, an updated map of reclamation districts in the Delta area, and maintaining databases on agricultural and conservation easements, as well as fee title acquisitions by public agencies and non-profit groups.

## **9. Monthly Pending Projects Memo**

The Commission continued to monitor pending projects throughout the Delta, including applications from private parties, special districts, and State and federal agencies. The Memo is updated monthly, posted on the Commission's web site, and mailed to the Commissioners and interested parties. Projects are added to the list as they proceed through local planning processes or the State Clearinghouse for environmental documents. In addition to the project in the Primary Zone (see attached chart of projects approved in the Primary Zone in 2002) the Commission's monthly pending projects memo also lists projects in the Secondary Zone and out of the Legal Delta if they would impact the Primary Zone.

Several supplemental memos now prepared as needed include pending recreation projects and conversion of agricultural lands to other uses.

## **10. Monitoring Acquisition of Land by Public Agencies and Nonprofit Groups**

In 2001, the Commission reviewed and submitted comments on the proposed acquisition by Wildlife Conservation Board/Department of Fish and Game (DFG) of approximately 13,000 acres of land in the Yolo Bypass. The site was largely in agriculture. The Commission asked that a public process be developed to plan future uses and management of the property. DFG completed acquisition of the property and set up a public planning

process for the site. In March, Dave Feliz, Yolo Bypass Manager, briefed the Commission on the existing land uses on the site, how agriculture would be maintained on the site during the planning process, innovative strategies to use rents from tenants for land and infrastructure costs, and the planning process for the overall site. He indicated the planning process would take approximately two years and would result in a management plan. Staff has been participating in a series of planning meetings held in October and November. In addition, a 100-acre inholding, surrounded by the earlier acquisition, was acquired by Wildlife Conservation Board for inclusion in the Bypass project.

In June, East Bay Regional Park District acquired a 279-acre site on Orwood Tract, Contra Costa County. The parcel will remain in agriculture until plans are developed in the future for recreation development.

Department of Water Resources granted funds to RD 2059 on Bradford Island to acquire a 149-acre parcel for mitigation of past levee work and for mitigation of a lost dredge disposal site on Decker Island. The Commission supported the acquisition and mitigation as part of the levee maintenance program, but noted that the issue of mitigation for loss of agricultural land is to be addressed in the future by CALFED. The loss of the agricultural land on Bradford Island should be included in that future analysis.

## **11. Monitoring Pending State Legislation**

The Commission tracked 50 bills in the 2001-2002 Legislative Session. Of those 50, nine were chaptered, 15 died the first year, and the remainder died the second year. To implement its tracking, the Commission subscribed to an inter-net based bill tracking service. Staff regularly updated the Commission on the status of the tracked bills. The Commission's Legislation Committee met, reviewed legislation and recommended which bills the Commission should support. The Commission voted to send letters of support on four bills in 2001 and seven in 2002. The Commission was also briefed on Propositions on the ballot.

The Commission also considered and voted to send a letter of support for Congressman Doug Ose's bill HR 2311 which would transfer federally-owned land in the Yolo Bypass to State of California agencies for ownership and management. The Commission adopted the position that State agencies are more quickly and easily approached to ensure that publicly owned lands would assist in implementing the Commission's vision for the Delta Primary Zone.

The Commission also spent considerable time working with Senator Mike Machado on his bill to create a Delta Conservancy (SB 1854). Senator Machado discussed his vision for a new agency to "capture" new bond funds to implement programs and projects that would enhance privately-owned agricultural lands to maximize seasonal and year-round values to habitat, as well as other projects consistent with the Commission's mandate for protection and enhancement of agriculture, wildlife habitat, and recreation. SB 1653 was amended several times, but died in Committee.

The Commission also carefully considered the draft legislation to creation a new governance entity for the CALFED Program (SB 1653). The Commission generally supported creation of a new entity to oversee the CALFED program implementation.

## **12. Monitoring CALFED Planning and Implementation Process**

Early in the CALFED process, the Commission was asked by Secretary of Resources Mary Nichols to participate on the CALFED **Policy Group**, the decision-making body. In addition, the Commission has participated on the **Management Group**, made up of representatives of the many CALFED agencies, a coordination and discussion group with some responsibilities granted by the Policy Group. In January, a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Management Group was drafted. The Commission reviewed the new MOU and agreed to sign the MOU and direct staff to participate on the Management Group.

In March, the Commission considered and voted to submit a comment letter on SB 1653, Senator Costa's legislation to create a new State entity to oversee implementation of the CALFED program. The Commission's letter supported the creation of a new State body, the Bay-Delta Authority. That bill was signed into law in September and takes effect January 1, 2003. There will be one representative of the Delta appointed by the Governor.

At every Commission meeting held in 2002, CALFED staff briefed the Commission on the CALFED program. In addition, CALFED staff attended many of the Commission's Committee meetings.

In March, the Commission delegated to the CALFED Committee responsibility to comment on applications for CALFED **ecosystem restoration grants** in the Delta. This delegation was necessary because of the short-time frame provided for public comment on the projects proposed for funding. While CALFED received 80 applications for projects in the Delta, only five were recommended for funding after technical and regional reviews were completed. Of those, only one proposed acquisition in the Primary Zone. The CALFED Committee recommended that CALFED fund a broader, more in-depth analysis of the area proposed for enhancement rather than fund the proposed acquisition. The CALFED Committee concurred with the other applications for funding.

In May, the Commission was briefed on the State and federal evaluation of the Delta Wetlands' **in-Delta water storage project**. This private project which has been in preparation since the early 1990's is being considered for acquisition by the State and federal governments to meet CALFED goals for provision of new water storage in the Delta, as well as north of the Delta and south of the Delta. After discussion, the Commission directed the CALFED Committee to review comments to be submitted to CALFED summarizing discussion before the Commission. The Commission suggested over twenty issues to be evaluated prior to a final decision on acquiring the project.

The Commission's staff continues to participate on the Delta Levees and Habitat Advisory Committee which is now also a CALFED Bay Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC)

**Delta Levee** Subcommittee. The BDPAC toured the Delta prior to its June meeting in Rio Vista. Commission staff helped develop and guide the tour, with the assistance of the Department of Water Resources.

The Commission's Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee met to discuss proposed CALFED projects including the South Delta Project and **recreation** proposed as part of the project. The project will mitigate for impacts to recreation and will also include recreation improvements. The CAC confirmed the need to creatively incorporate recreation improvements into the new project.

In September, the Commission approved an agreement between the Commission and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that defines a role for the Commission to oversee activities and land use changes on **Staten Island** if the Island transfers to DWR ownership. The agreement would require discussion of any land use changes at a public meeting of the Commission prior to implementation.

In September the Commission reviewed the goals and priorities of a new CALFED Bay Delta Public Advisory Committee Subcommittee--**Working Landscapes** Subcommittee. The Commission adopted a position of support for the work of the Subcommittee, created to pursue integration of agriculture and wildlife habitat.

Throughout the year, the Commission and staff monitored applications for **ecosystem restoration funding**. The Commission's CALFED Committee prepared comments on several applications for the projects within the Delta Primary Zone. In September, the full Commission reviewed the application of several agencies and groups (California Coastal Conservancy, Natural Heritage Institute) for funds to acquire and plan for restoration of 1,200 acres in the Secondary Zone of the Delta in Oakley and Contra Costa County. The application was approved by CALFED, with the agreement of Department of Water Resources to take ownership of the site and to oversee management of the site as plans for restoration are developed. The grazing lands will remain in agriculture during the interim period, and significant recreation facilities will be incorporated into the overall project including regional trails and parks.

### **Appeal of Local Government Decisions:**

No local government actions were appealed to the Commission in 2001.

### **Commission Members:**

There was one change in membership in 2002. Commissioner Bob Gleason left the Commission and was replaced by Augie Beltran, City Councilmember from City of Lathrop representing the San Joaquin County Council of Governments.

Patrick N. McCarty, representing the Central Delta Water Agency, and Robert K. Ferguson, representing the South Delta Water Agency, continue to serve as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

The Commissioners receive no compensation for their work on the Commission.

### **Commission Committees:**

The Commission has set up several Committees to discuss issues and projects in a small setting and to make recommendations for action by the full Commission. All Committee meetings are noticed and open to all Commissioners and the public.

- **Budget, Finance and Administration Committee:** Brean, Calone, Ferguson, McCarty, Sanders, and Shaffer.  
*This Committee oversees preparation of the annual budget and work plan.*
- **CALFED Committee:** Coglianese, Curry, Curtis, Nottoli, Shaffer, van Loben Sels, and Wilson.  
*This Committee reviews documents and applications associated with the CALFED program and makes recommendations for action. On some occasions, the Committee has been authorized to prepare comments on behalf of the Commission.*
- **Legislation:** Cabaldon, Coglianese, and Shaffer.  
*This Committee reviews pending legislation and recommends positions of support.*
- **Agriculture:** Curtis, Ferguson, Nottoli, Shaffer, van Loben Sels, and Wilson.  
*This Committee has overseen preparation of the Resource Conservation and Development Program application and the preparation of the AFT study of Delta agriculture.*
- **Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee:** Brean, Curry, Curtis, and Nottoli.  
*This Committee oversees projects and planning associated with recreation in the Delta.*

### **Administration:**

The Commission office is located in Walnut Grove, in Sacramento County. Margit Aramburu serves as Executive Director, Lori Clamurro is an Environmental Scientist I, and Karen Morais is Staff Services Analyst.

Dan Siegel, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, with assistance from Marion Moe, provided legal support for the Commission.

Administrative, budget and personnel services of the Commission are provided by State Lands Commission through a contractual arrangement.

The annual report covers portions of two fiscal years. In both fiscal years, the Commission received funds from the Environmental License Plate Fund and from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund. The total funds for FY 01-02 were \$309,212, and the funds for FY 02-03 are \$304,000. Monthly expenses average approximately \$23,000 per month.

## **2002 Commission Roster**

**Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors:**      *Supervisor Federal Glover*

<b>Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:</b>	<b><i>Supervisor Don Nottoli</i></b>
<b>San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors:</b>	<b><i>Supervisor Lynn Bedford</i></b>
<b>Solano County Board of Supervisors:</b>	<b><i>Supervisor Skip Thomson</i></b>
<b>Yolo County Board of Supervisors:</b>	<b><i>Supervisor Mike McGowan</i></b>
<b>Contra Costa County Cities:</b>	<b><i>Mayor Marci Coglianese, City of Rio Vista</i></b>
<b>Sacramento and Yolo County Cities:</b>	<b><i>Councilmember Christopher Cabaldon, City of West Sacramento</i></b>
<b>San Joaquin County Cities:</b>	<b><i>Councilmember Bob Gleason, City of Lathrop</i></b> <b><i>Councilmember Augie Beltran, City of Lathrop</i></b>
<b>Central Delta Reclamation Districts:</b>	<b><i>Patrick N. McCarty</i></b>
<b>North Delta Reclamation Districts (two seats):</b>	<b><i>Topper van Loben Sels</i></b> <b><i>Daniel Wilson</i></b>
<b>South Delta Reclamation Districts:</b>	<b><i>Robert K. Ferguson</i></b>
<b>West Delta Reclamation Districts:</b>	<b><i>Bob Calone</i></b>
<b>Department of Boating and Waterways:</b>	<b><i>Bill Curry, Senior Civil Engineer, Boating Facilities Division</i></b>
<b>Department of Fish and Game:</b>	<b><i>Banky Curtis, Regional Manager</i></b>
<b>Department of Food and Agriculture:</b>	<b><i>Steve Shaffer, Director, Agricultural and Environmental Policy</i></b>
<b>Department of Parks and Recreation:</b>	<b><i>Ron Brean, Chief, Northern Division</i></b>
<b>Department of Water Resources:</b>	<b><i>Steve Macaulay, Chief Deputy Director</i></b>
<b>State Lands Commission:</b>	<b><i>Dwight Sanders, Chief, Division of Environmental Planning and Management</i></b>

#### Projects Approved in the Delta Primary Zone in 2002

Project Name/County	Applicant	Project Location
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<b>Multi-County</b>		
Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2025	Sacramento Area Council of Governments	Sacramento and Yolo Counties
Water Reservoir and Mitigation Project	Delta Wetlands	Contra Costa and San Joaquin Counties
Triennial Review of Water Quality Control Plan	Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board	Deltawide
Program to Monitor Discharges from Irrigated lands	Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board	Deltawide
Reissue Nationwide Permits	Corps of Engineers	Deltawide
<b>Contra Costa County</b>		
Acquire 275 ac. Parcel for Future Park	East Bay Regional Park District	Orwood Tract
Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan	City of Brentwood	Citywide
NPDES Permit for Discharge of 125,000 gpd of cooling water into San Joaquin River	GWF Power Systems	Antioch, San Joaquin River
NPDES Permit for disposal of up to 2,300 dry tons a year and treated wastewater on Jersey Island	Ironhouse Sanitary District	Jersey Island
San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve	NOAA and San Francisco State University	Browns Island
<b>Sacramento County</b>		
Subdivide 5 ac parcel into 2 parcels in AR-2 zone	Oropeza-Gutierrez	Leary Road, Ryde, Grand Island
Subdivide 162.3 ac parcel into 80 ac, 80 ac, and 1.68 ac in AG-80 zone	Ferreira	Steamboat Slough, Grand Island
Subdivide 143 ac parcel into 3 ac and 141 ac in AG-80 zone	McDowell Trust	Steamboat Slough Road, Grand Island
Variance to create a legal lot of 2 ac in AG-80 zone	Colvin	Sherman Island
Cell Tower (185 ft tall)	SBA Inc and Correia	Brannan Island
<b>San Joaquin County</b>		
Expand existing pigeon farm	Brooks	Union Island
Quarry 83,337 cu yd of soils to level farmland/improve drainage	Noceti Farms	Roberts Island
Adopt Emergency (2 years) Water Storage Ordinance	San Joaquin County	Countywide
Bikeway Plan	San Joaquin County	Countywide

Dredging and Modification of Selected Diversions in South Delta	Department of Water Resources	Victoria and Grantline Canals, Middle and Old Rivers
6 inch in diameter natural gas pipeline	Delta Gas Gathering	Rindge Tract and Roberts Island
Upgrade Highway 4 (widen shoulder, rumble strips, guardrail, culverts, left turn lanes, and safety lights)	CalTrans	Roberts Island
NPDES Permit for Treatment and Discharge of Discharge from Wastewater Treatment Plant with new limitations for ammonia	City of Stockton	San Joaquin River, southeast of Rough and Ready Island
Dredge 2,000 cu yd and use for levee maintenance	Cruiser Haven Yacht Club	Disappointment Slough and Empire Tract
<b>Solano County</b>		
Update General Plan	City of Rio Vista	Northeastern Portion of City
Extend use permit for existing Hidden Harbor Marina	Kauffman	Tip of Ryer Island
Agricultural Easement Program	Solano Land Trust	Countywide
Transportation Plan	Solano Transportation Authority	Countywide
<b>Yolo County</b>		
Update Clarksburg General Plan	Yolo County	Community of Clarksburg
Upgrade Existing Boat Launch and Fishing Access	Yolo County	Clarksburg Boat Launch Ramp
Update Agricultural, Open Space and Recreation Elements of General Plan	Yolo County	Countywide
Acquire 100-acre Parker Ranch	WCB and DFG	Yolo Bypass